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- 1. THE AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RECENTLY SUBMITTED A PURCHASE ORDER TO DOD TO BUY 1600 HAND GRENADES CS M7A3.

 THESE GRENADES ARE TO BE USED FOR CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE TRAINING. THE AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE WAS ADVISED BY DOD THAT U.S. POLICY PROHIBITS THE SALE OF RIOT CONTROL AGENTS TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE FMS PROGRAM.
- 2. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND U.S. SENSITIVITY CONCERNING THE SALE OF RIOT CONTROL AGENTS TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WHICH MIGHT USE THEM AGAINST THEIR OWN CITIZENS, THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM IN AUSTRALIA. WE REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSULT DOD AND CLEAR THE SALE OF THESE GRENADES TO THE GOA. PERCIVAL

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